



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Jennifer Lopez
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 3
Ward 5
Ward 6

Members Absent:

Suzanne Elefante
Cynthia Schiesel

Representing:

Ward 2
Ward 4

Advisory Members Present:

Kathleen May
Karen Brandel

Advisory Members Absent:

Geoffrey Boyce

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (Departed at 6:40 p.m.)
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department (Arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Chief, Roberto Villasenor, Tucson Police Department
Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 18, 2008

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008.

3. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Update Police Academy

Captain Bob Shoun from the Police Academy gave an update on training and the Civil Process for hiring new recruits for the Tucson Police Department (TPD). He said there were many steps the new recruits had to go through before they were hired, such as written exams, oral interviews, certified lists, physical tests, polygraph tests, background checks, physical exams and psychological tests. Once the tests and exams had been successfully completed the recruits would be part of **sixteen weeks of a** five week training **post basic** program at the police academy.

5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor:

- A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated in the month of November 2008, the IPA office gave a presentation to the Post Basic Police Academy.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated the office received four inquiries, three complaints, and conducted a review of six files that were closed by Internal Affairs. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of ten fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by Internal Affairs. He said out of the sixteen closed cases they agreed on all except one, which was sent back for further review.

6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Bill Richards stated there were no retirements in the month of December 2008. Suzanne Castillo was promoted to the Budget Division. He announced Sandra Gastelum was the new secretary for the Tucson Police Department (TPD).

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

Captain Bill Richards stated Carol Dover chose to go back to the Burglary unit and Valerie Berg was the new detective in the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIA).

Assistant Chief Villasenor spoke about detective promotions. He said there were seven vacant detective positions in the Field Services Unit and Investigative Services Unit. TPD was going to promote five officers to detective in January 2009 and split them between the Field Services and Investigative Services Units.

7. Recess

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to forego recess.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 08-0449

Motion by Jennifer Lopez, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case # 08-0449 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0580

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case # 08-0580 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 08-0521

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case # 08-0521 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

9. **Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for November as reported on December 1, 2008.**

The Board had a discussion at last month's meeting regarding an elderly lady and her complaint. The Board asked Captain Richards if he had someone from his unit follow up with the elderly lady to see if she needed help. Captain Richards stated after many attempts to speak to the elderly lady, the phone calls made by TPD were not returned.

The Board asked about comment number thirteen, which dealt with a constituent asking the Council and TPD to look into the matter of large gatherings at mobile food vendors. Captain Richards stated this location was one that TPD was looking into under the McShea initiative.

The Board asked about comment number nine, which dealt with college students having parties. Captain Richards said this issue was another part of the ~~McShea initiative~~ **Focused Patrol Violent Crime Initiative**. He said TPD red tagged property owners after having multiple complaints by neighbors.

10. **Selection of CPARB Member Representative for Chief selection meetings**

Chair Thornton announced that Vice Chair Murrieta withdrew his nomination as the CPARB member representative due to other business obligations. She said Cynthia Schiesel would be the new CPARB member representative at the Chief selection meetings.

11. **Second Call to the Audience**

There were no speakers.

12. **Report from Chair / Announcements**

A. CIT Training

Chair Thornton announced she had four people interested in the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). She said the training would not take place until May 2009. Jennifer Lopez said she was interested in the CIT training. She said the classes were on psychological and judgement training.

B. Annual Report

Chair Thornton thanked the Board for their participation and comments on the annual report.

Chair Thornton announced to the Board that Geoffrey Boyce had missed forty-percent of the CPARB meetings. She stated she would be contacting him to release him of his duties due to lack of attendance. In January she would put an item on the agenda regarding the interview process for selection of a new Advisory Board member.

13. Future Agenda Items

- A. Media presentation.
- B. Presentation on community events.
- C. Budget update.
- D. Presentation on License Plates in February or March of 2009.
- E. Presentation on Communications.
- F. Presentation on traffic.
- G. Presentation at the Epic Center.
- H. Presentation on Organized Crimes – Investigative Services.
- I. Discussion on the cost of Parking Validation and the cost that Pima County charges to have the CPARB meetings at the Downtown Main Library.

14. Adjournment – 6:55p.m.

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Cynthia Schiesel and Suzanne Elefante absent) to adjourn.